

# The Mendham Messenger

December 2009

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## Mayor's Update

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

I am sure by now all of you have begun to prepare for the upcoming holiday season. We can all get into the holiday spirit by participating in this year's Holly Trail on Saturday, December 5. This event, sponsored by the Mendham Business Association, will conclude with the traditional lighting of the Christmas tree at the Gazebo at 4 pm. We hope to see you then and visiting the various businesses in town who are participating throughout the day. For further information on all activities, visit the borough's website at [www.mendhamnj.org](http://www.mendhamnj.org).

The Borough Council's budget workshops began on the evening of November 23 and will continue on December 5 at 9 am at the Garabrant Center. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Mr. John Anderson, the regional manager of Jersey Central Power and Light, will attend the December 7 Council Meeting to discuss the replacement of bulbs in our street lights. JCPL is now replacing the incandescent bulbs with sodium vapor lamps. These new lamps are brighter and throw more of an orange glow than incandescent bulbs which, according to Mr. Anderson, are no longer available. The council hopes to work with JCPL to see if there is any way we can continue to use incandescent lamps and avoid "lighting up" the borough. The public is invited to attend the meeting to express opinions on this matter.

The Borough Council and the Planning Board continue to review our sign ordinance in an effort to balance business promotions with the maintenance of the borough's historic charm. I recently sent a letter to all business owners asking them to adhere to the ordinance particularly in the number of signs on display in business windows.

I am happy to share with you that Sgt. McNichol has returned to duty, while Patrolman Barnes is expected to return to work early this winter. Sgt. Libertino continues to make a miraculous recovery from his motorcycle accident and is also hoping to return to work during the first quarter of 2010. In the meantime, Chief Taylor and the governing body continue to interview candidates to fill a spot in the patrol rotation.

Work progresses on the borough-wide tax reassessment. Representatives from Appraisal Systems are visiting properties and will complete their task shortly with the assistance of Tax Assessor Scott Holtzhauer.

In closing, if any resident would like to volunteer to serve on a board or commission for 2010, please contact me through Borough Clerk Maureen Massey (973-543-7152 x 15). On behalf of the Borough Council and all of the borough staff, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Neil Henry, Mayor

## Mendham Borough Board of Education

*Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, December 15  
7:30 pm in the Hilltop School Cafeteria*

In October, Mountain View School was pleased to unveil plans for an expansion of the Garden of Hope, located in the courtyard of the school. Currently the garden consists of a rain water and butterfly garden. The design for the expanded garden was created by students from the Landscape and Horticulture Department at County College of Morris and the final plan was drawn by their teacher.

The Garden Committee is now working to obtain funding and create a plan to execute the design. The committee is also seeking more volunteers from the community to help maintain the garden in season and to provide particular input and expertise in fencing and other hardscaping elements. For more information about this and other school matters, please visit our website at [www.mendhamboro.org](http://www.mendhamboro.org).

*L*ooks for Books

*A Holiday Fashion Show & Boutique  
to benefit the Mendham Borough Library*

*Thursday, December 3 at 7 pm  
Tickets - \$45 at Windswept &  
the Mendham Borough Library*

*Don't miss this premier event!*





# News from the Mendham Borough Library

10 Hilltop Road 973 543-4152 mendhamboroughlibrary.org

## Children's Room Reopens

On Wednesday, November 4, a joyous remembrance of a happy little girl was held at the Mendham Borough Library. The Metzler family gathered with family and friends to celebrate the dedication of the Children's Room in memory of their daughter Julia. The room was unveiled to reveal a vibrant, hand-painted jungle-themed stage, which converts to a puppet theatre. The new shelving arrangement opens up the space to provide a perfect setting for reading with your child or enjoying puppet shows and children's productions. Dress-up clothing and puppets will provide new avenues for children to imagine and explore the world of books. We invite the whole community to visit now that the room has reopened.

The renovation was accomplished through the efforts and generosity of the whole community. Major funds for the renovation were donated by the Metzler and Helene Families. Other members of the community also helped with donations and generously gave their time and labor to build and paint the theatre, clear out and paint the room, design and build a computer desk, create wall art, as well as other meaningful contributions. Additional gift opportunities still exist; please contact Pat Charney, Library Director, for information or gifts can be sent to the Mendham Borough Library at 10 Hilltop Road, Mendham, NJ 07945.

The Library would like to thank: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Metzler, Robert Metzler, Virginia Metzler, Mr. and Mrs. William Helene, Seavey Construction, Nicholas Cusano Associates, Buzz Grimm Painting, Kelly Varga, Carole and Stephen Brady, Boy Scout Troop 150, Steve Morrell of SVM Construction, Kathleen Thometz, Gail and Michael Roch, Susan Carpenter, Rose Palombo, Daisy Schimoler, Alexandra Goggin, Heather St. John and Girl Scout Troop #1845, Elaine Suhocki, Danielle Sprouls, Joan Buck, and the White, Hynes, Ehmannn, Marx, Shafran, Straub, Sadun, Simmons, McManus, Coutts, Vinci, Petriello and Sinzer families.

## Holiday Programs for Kids

Read, or be read to, for at least one hour each week. Record your times at the library, take home a different prize each week and win tickets to enter our grand prize drawing on Saturday, December 19. Sign ups begin November 30.

November 30 - December 4 Win a Book  
December 5 - December 11 Mystery Prize  
December 12 - December 18 Movie Rental & Cocoa  
Saturday, December 19 Grand Prize Drawing

*5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who participate will be entered in a special drawing for two gift certificates – one from I-tunes and one from Mendham Books.*

**Holly Trail** ~ Saturday, December 5, 11 am to 2 pm

Special crafts and cookie decorating

**Fun with Food** ~ Wednesday, December 16 at

3:15 pm ~ Gingerbread Cookies & Bookmarks

**Holiday Bingo** ~ Friday, December 18 at 3:15 pm

## Yoga at the Mendham Borough Library

Yoga classes will continue this winter with 8:30 am morning classes taught on Tuesdays and on Thursdays. The cost for either 7-week session is \$30; the cost for both is \$60. Drop-ins will be welcome (for a \$5 fee per class), but only at the start of the session if the "subscribed" participants do not attend. The Tuesday session will run from January 5 to February 23 and the Thursday session will run from January 7 to February 25. (There will be no classes on February 16 or 18.) Sign ups start December 14 at the library or call 973 543-4152.

*The Library will be closing early on Wednesday, December 23 and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, for the holidays.*

# New Acquisitions

The books and movies below are generally available on the date listed.  
Be the first to read them by pre-reserving them at the Mendham Borough Library.



## Books on order...

|                                 |                    |           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Committed                       | Elizabeth Gilbert  | 1/5/2010  |
| Not My Daughter                 | Barbara Delinsky   | 1/5/2010  |
| Remarkable Creatures            | Tracy Chevalier    | 1/5/2010  |
| The First Rule                  | Robert Crais       | 1/12/2010 |
| Where the God of Love Hangs Out | Amy Bloom          | 1/12/2010 |
| Doors Open                      | Ian Rankin         | 1/15/2010 |
| Worst Case                      | James Patterson    | 2/1/2010  |
| Last Snow                       | Eric Van Lustbader | 2/16/2010 |
| Fantasy in Death                | J.D. Robb          | 2/23/2010 |

## Books

|                                |                     |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Cleaving                       | Julie Powell        | 12/1  |
| Days of Gold                   | Jude Deveraux       | 12/29 |
| Deeper Than the Dead           | Tami Hoag           | 12/29 |
| The Disciple                   | Stephen Coonts      | 12/8  |
| Divine Misdemeanors            | Laurell K. Hamilton | 12/8  |
| Drive                          | Daniel H. Pink      | 12/29 |
| Fired Up                       | Jayne Ann Krentz    | 12/29 |
| The Honor of Spies             | W.E.B. Griffin      | 12/29 |
| How to Save Your Own Life      | Michael Gates Gill  | 12/29 |
| The Lady in the Tower          | Alison Weir         | 12/29 |
| La's Orchestra Saves the World | A. McCall Smith     | 12/8  |
| Literary Life                  | Larry McMurtry      | 12/8  |
| A Matter of Class              | Mary Balogh         | 12/29 |
| Nanny Returns                  | Emma McLaughlin     | 12/15 |
| The Overnight Socialite        | Bridie Clark        | 12/16 |
| The Paris Vendetta             | Steve Berry         | 12/1  |
| Shades of Grey                 | Jasper Fforde       | 12/29 |
| Sizzle                         | Julie Garwood       | 12/29 |
| Stones into Schools            | Greg Mortenson      | 12/1  |
| Summertime                     | J.M. Coetzee        | 12/24 |
| Too Many Murders               | Colleen McCullough  | 12/1  |
| Trial by Fire                  | J. A. Jance         | 12/1  |
| U Is for Undertow              | Sue Grafton         | 12/1  |

## DVDs

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| House, M.D.: Season 5                | 8/25  |
| Ice Age 3: Dawn Of the Dinosaurs     | 10/27 |
| Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure    | 10/27 |
| G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra          | 11/3  |
| Four Christmases                     | 11/24 |
| Santa Buddies                        | 11/24 |
| Night at the Museum 2                | 12/1  |
| Terminator Salvation                 | 12/1  |
| Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince | 12/8  |
| Public Enemies                       | 12/8  |

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|---------------|-------|
| Julie & Julia | 12/8  |
| The Hangover  | 12/15 |
| District 9    | 12/29 |

## Audio-Books

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 13 1/2                      | Nevada Barr        |
| 206 Bones                   | Kathy Reichs       |
| Ford County                 | John Grisham       |
| Knit the Season             | Kate Jacobs        |
| The Lacuna                  | Barbara Kingsolver |
| The Last Song               | Nicholas Sparks    |
| Living Dead in Dallas       | Charlaine Harris   |
| SuperFreakonomics           | Steven Levitt      |
| The 39 Clues                | Rick Riordan       |
| The Time Traveler's Wife    | Audrey Niffenegger |
| Traveling with Pomegranates | Sue Monk Kidd      |
| True Blue                   | David Baldacci     |
| What the Dog Saw            | Malcom Gladwell    |

Come to the renovated Children's Room and check out these new books for children and young adults.

## Picture Books

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|---|------------------------------|
| Big Bear Hug                            | Nicholas Oldland             |
| Corduroy's Best Halloween Ever!         | Don Freeman                  |
| Day is Done                             | Peter Yarrow                 |
| Dinosaur Tamer                          | Carol Greathouse             |
| Family Huddle                           | Peyton, Eli & Archie Manning |
| First Pooch: Malia and Sasha Pick a Pet | Carole B. Weatherford        |
| Skippyjon Jones, Lost in Spice          | Judith Schachner             |
| Spells                                  | Emily Gravett                |
| Would I Trade My Parents?               | Laura Numeroff               |

## Kid's Fiction

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| The Christmas Genie               | Dan Gutman       |
| Diary of a Wimpy Kid #5: Dog Days | Jeff Kinney      |
| In Too Deep                       | Jude Watson      |
| Luv Ya Bunches                    | Lauren Myracle   |
| January's Sparrow                 | Patricia Polacco |
| Return to the Hundred Acre Wood   | David Benedictus |

## Young Adult Fiction

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Al Capone Shines My Shoes | Gennifer Choldenko |
| Doom Machine              | Mark Teague        |
| How It Ends               | Laura Weiss        |



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## Borough Calendar for December

### Curbside Bulk Pickup

Mondays, December 7, 14, 21 & 28

**Recycle** - Thursdays, December 3, 17 & 31

**Borough Council Meetings** - at the Garabrant Center, 8 pm on Mondays, December 7 & 21 and Tuesday, December 29. Council Reorganization Meeting on Friday, January 1, 2010, 1 pm at the Mendham Borough Fire House, 24 East Main Street.

**Planning Board Meeting** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 14

**Board of Adjustment** - at the Garabrant Center, 7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 1

**Historic Commission** - at the Phoenix House, 7:30 pm on Monday, December 21

**Open Space Commission** - at the Phoenix House, 7 pm on Thursday, December 10

**Environmental Commission** - at the Phoenix House, 8 pm on Thursday, November 17

*Borough Offices are closed Friday, December 25 and Monday, December 26 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's Day.*

## Messiah Performance at Hilltop Church

The annual presentation of the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah will be sung in two concerts under the direction of Thomas R. Berdos, Director of Music

on Sunday, December 6 at 4 pm and 7 pm at the First Presbyterian (Hilltop) Church at 20 Hilltop Road in Mendham. The concert will feature professional soloists and the 50-voice Hilltop Church Concert Choir. Accompanying the soloists and choir will be a full, professional orchestra. The concerts are part of the Hilltop Concert Series and are open to the public. Suggested donation is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets are available at Robinson's Drug Shop, the Country Coffee Shop, the Mendham Book Store and the Mendham Borough Library. For more information, visit [www.hilltopchurch.org](http://www.hilltopchurch.org) or call the church at 973 543-4102, ext. 8.

## Mendham Borough Holly Trail 2009 Saturday, December 5, 2009

Please see the Observer Tribune for a complete listing of town-wide holiday events at various businesses and organizations. And be sure to come to the Tree Lighting at the Borough Gazebo at 4 pm where the Mountain View School Choir will perform and Santa will visit on a fire truck. Refreshments will also be served at that time. While most of the events will take place in the Borough, the Mendham Junior Women's Club will also be holding a Winter Carnival and Marketplace from 10 am to 2 pm as part of the festivities at the Brookside Community Club.